

## City Manager's



## Weekly Update Friday, December 14, 2007

**California Mille:** This annual tour of California by vintage sports car enthusiasts is looking at a lunch stop in Lodi on its first leg from San Francisco to Lake Tahoe in late April. The California Mille is limited to 65 entries, most of whom are well-to-do and prominent businessmen who drive cars from the 1960s and earlier. Audi was one of last year's sponsors, as was Swiss watch maker Blancpain, whose watches range in price from \$3,740 to \$77,540 through Amazon.com.

**County courtroom:** Still on hold, while the county waits for new parts for the HVAC system that will prevent the spread of smoke through ductwork into prisoner holding cells. The State Fire Marshal's inspection is on hold until the new parts are installed and working.

**Redevelopment:** Letters are going out to Lodi Unified School District, Delta College and the County Office of Education, inviting them to comment on the city's proposed redevelopment project area.

**Winter soccer:** Play at Salas Park is over, with field renovations beginning. Teams will begin using the Grape Bowl Mondays through Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The winter program is responsible for picking up trash.

**Downtown outlets:** The electrical outlets in the School Street tree wells are faulty and the Downtown Lodi Business Partnership is asking the city to fix them so they can be used to illuminate holiday decorations. Who should bear the costs for repairs has not been determined.

**Sick dog:** A dog belonging to a Lodi resident recently recovered from Leptospirosis, a disease that is sometimes fatal to dogs. The resident believes the infection was linked to a visit to the Beckman Park dog park two days earlier, but Animal Services staff does not believe the disease was transmitted at the park. Dogs are exposed to Leptospirosis through direct contact with the urine of infected carriers, such as wildlife or other dogs, according to the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. The disease is not common. Staff is concerned and will continue to research this issue, if a response or preventative steps are needed appropriate action will be taken.

**Stockton Airport:** The San Joaquin Partnership is seeking contributions from county cities to match an FAA Grant that could result in Delta Airlines providing service to Stockton Metropolitan Airport. Lodi is being asked to contribute \$25,000 towards the matching grant, while Stockton and San Joaquin County – which would receive a greater direct benefit through sales tax and airport operations – are being asked to pay \$100,000 each. The Partnership hopes the \$800,000 (\$400,000 grant, \$400,000 local match) will attract Delta to provide seven-days-a-week service.

**Presidential appointment:** Lodi Fire Chief Mike Pretz has been appointed to a one-year term on the League of California Cities' Public Safety Policy Committee. The Committee, one of eight by the league, meets four times a year.